

# News Release

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**Mayor Michael L. O'Reilly, of Herndon, Receives the  
2005 Phyllis Campbell Newsome Public Policy Leadership Award  
from the Center For Nonprofit Advancement**

Mayor Michael L. O'Reilly, of Herndon, received the 2005 Phyllis Campbell Newsome Public Policy Leadership Award for Virginia from the Center for Nonprofit Advancement (formerly the Washington Council of Agencies). Mayor O'Reilly was honored at the Center's Board of Directors' annual meeting on Tuesday, November 1, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC.

Representatives of the Herndon Dulles Chamber of Commerce, Project Hope and Harmony, and Reston Interfaith nominated Mayor O'Reilly for his outstanding leadership during the community's deliberation of the day worker issue stating that "The changes brought on by development and ethnic integration can be an important catalyst to improvement or a debilitating tear in the fabric of a community. Herndon is fortunate in that it has benefited by both the development and integration due in large part to the leadership of Mayor Mike O'Reilly... Throughout the controversy, he sought understanding and common ground with citizens. As a result, Herndon survived sharp divisions on a controversial issue and emerged stronger and more united as a community."

Mayor O'Reilly said "It was an honor to accept the award. As an elected official in the Town of Herndon, my goal has been to improve the quality of life in our community for all our residents." He said that he often reflects on the wise words of President John F. Kennedy, whose kindness and compassion for humanity were insurmountable. During his Commencement Address at American University in Washington, DC, on June 10, 1963, President Kennedy said, "For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal."

The Phyllis Campbell Newsome Award is given to public officials, who demonstrate exceptional work in their community. As Director of Advocacy and Community Relations for the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, Phyllis Campbell Newsome worked with nonprofits, elected officials, and community leaders on the role of the nonprofit sector and how working together can improve the greater community. Ms. Newsome created this award to highlight the work of elected officials that contributed to working on behalf of creating a greater community. Ms. Newsome passed away in 2003, and the award was named after her as a tribute to her work, leadership, and tireless commitment.

The award is presented annually to one honoree from Virginia, as well as one honoree each from Maryland and Washington, DC. Previous award honorees from Virginia include The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor, City of Alexandria, in 2003; and The Honorable Barbara A. Favola, Chair, Arlington County Board, in 2004.

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